

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 10-48, 66, 67, and 69-97 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10-48, 66, 67, and 69-97 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over an article entitled “VolanoChat Java solutions turns ordinary web sites into interactive money makes,” Business Wire, pp. 1-2 (hereinafter “Volano”), in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,572,619 of Judson (hereinafter “Judson”), further in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,862,330 of Anupam et al. (hereinafter “Anupam”), and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,828,839 of Moncreiff (hereinafter “Moncreiff”). Applicants reserve the right to swear behind one or more of these references.

The present invention is directed towards embedding chat functions in a web page and includes establishing a browser region that includes a browser frame controlled by a browser client, establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region contemporaneously with the browser region, receiving chat content including a link to a web page while the chat content is displayed in the chat region, invoking the browser client with the link and having the browser client obtain the web page from the server that corresponds to the link in displaying a web page. Thus, the present invention is directed towards coordinating browser and chat applications. Such an invention came about as a result of overcoming the prior art problems associated with the chat and browser applications running independently of one another. This caused the browser and chat applications to be uncoordinated, forcing the user to coordinate the two. Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art would not look to these references in combination to arrive at the present invention as claimed.

Volano mentions the existence of a Java-based chat solution, yet provides no enablement of how it is implemented. The Examiner admitted that Volano fails to describe the limitation “in

response to receiving chat content including a link to a web page ... detecting selection, by a user of the display device ... invoking the browser client ... the link and displaying the obtained web page in the browser region: (Office Action, page 3). The Examiner argued, however, that Moncreiff does describe the limitation. However, the applicants submit that Moncreiff describes creating chat rooms that correspond to media programs broadcast in real time (Moncreiff, column 3, lines 33-48). Further, Moncreiff describes a web page that provides access to chat rooms based on user specifications (Moncreiff, column 5, lines 25-45). Moncreiff merely filters and sorts what chat rooms are available to a user according to their personal settings. Moncreiff fails to describe “invoking the browser client” when a link is selected by a user from chat contents, as claimed in Claim 1. Because selecting a chat room among various chat rooms listed on a web page is not the same as involving a web page from within a chat session, the applicants respectfully submit that Volano and Moncreiff alone or in combination fail to describe or suggest the limitation “in response to receiving chat content including a link to a web page ... detecting selection, by a user of the display device ... invoking the browser client ... the link and displaying the obtained web page in the browser region.”

Furthermore, Moncreiff is not directed to the same problem ~~to~~ overcome by the Applicant. Moncreiff merely filters and sorts chat rooms that are available to a user according to their personal settings. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Anupam is also not directed to solving the same problem set forth by the present invention as claimed. In fact, it appears that the Examiner has just taken portions of the four different references to arrive at the present invention as claimed using the claim as a template. If such is the case, Applicants respectfully submit that is the use of impermissible hindsight on the part of the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would not look to combine the teachings of Volano, Judson, Anupam, and Moncreiff to arrive at the present invention as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Volano, Judson, Anupam, and Moncreiff, alone or in combination, fail to describe or suggest Claim 10 as amended for at least the reasons advanced above.

Independent claim 28 and 48 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 10. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 28 and 48 are patentable over the cited references.


Given that the remaining claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references. The applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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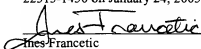
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